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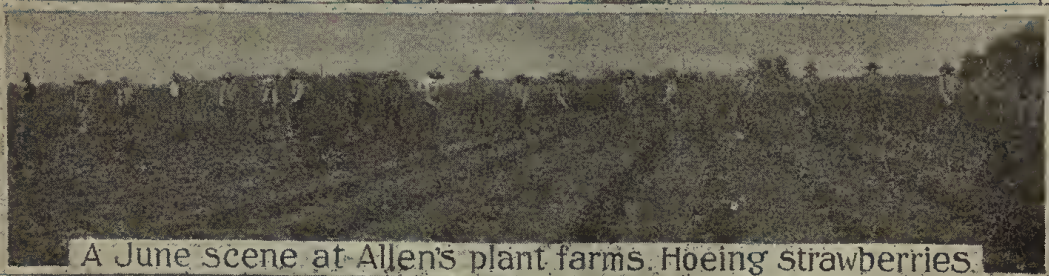
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ALLEN'S STRAWBERRY CATALOGUE

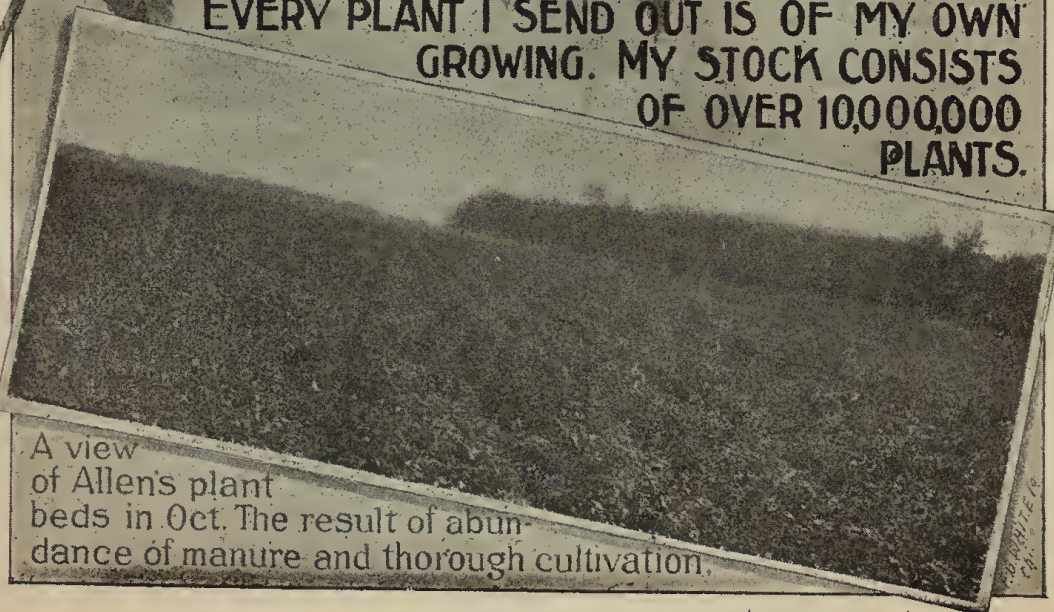
FOR 1901



A June scene at Allen's plant farms. Hoeing strawberries.

100 ACRES IN PLANT BEDS.

**THE LARGEST STRAWBERRY NURSERY IN THE WORLD.
EVERY PLANT I SEND OUT IS OF MY OWN
GROWING. MY STOCK CONSISTS
OF OVER 10,000,000
PLANTS.**



A view
of Allen's plant
beds in Oct. The result of abun-
dant of manure and thorough cultivation.

Yearly Chat With Friends Old and New.

It is now almost springtime and spring is when 90 per cent of all plants are purchased and planted, and right here I want to thank each and every one of my thousands of customers for the very generous business which they gave me last year. This was decidedly the largest trade I have ever had, in fact more than double that of any previous year. It might be interesting to some of my customers to know that during the spring months just past we sent our plants to more than 5,000 different people, consisting of about 7,000,000 plants, which would weigh when packed ready for freight, express and mail, something over seventy tons, and at the very low price at which we sold the stock the sales amounted to over \$22,000.00. To get off this immense amount of plants we employed about 100 men for nearly the entire spring, many of whom worked from seven o'clock a. m., till ten, eleven, and sometimes twelve o'clock p. m. To begin with, the very backward spring made us late in getting started, consequently put us behind. Everything possible was done to catch up and get stock off in time, but it was such a tremendous rush through April that some of our customers were not served as promptly as it was our desire that they should have been. Nevertheless, it is very seldom that we have a spring as cold, rainy, and backward as the one just past, and with improved facilities and a better system, we hope in the future to fill every order promptly. It shall be our constant aim to do this, and give every customer entire satisfaction, as I fully realize that in this business, more than in many others, success depends almost entirely upon the good will and confidence of our patrons, and this I shall always strive to merit. The past summer has been very dry. May was exceedingly so, continuing very dry until our berry season was well advanced, which, on the whole, was almost an entire failure, owing to the lack of moisture. Our prospect was the finest we ever had for a large crop of strawberries, and very conservatively estimated before the drought set in at 150,000 quarts of very fine fruit. This, however, was reduced by the unfavorable weather conditions to 50,000 quarts of very inferior fruit. This same drouth and others which followed also made the plant crop much shorter than usual not only with me but basing my calculations upon the judgment of reliable authority in different sections of the country I believe the actual supply of strawberry plants throughout the country taken as a whole is shorter than it has been for several years.

Knowing this to be a fact my advertisement will not be found in all the leading Agricultural papers this year as heretofore, and my catalogue instead of being sent to a list of 70,000 as heretofore, will only be sent to about 20,000 who have actually bought of me in the last few years, and perhaps a few others who may ask for it. I am doing this so that I can give my old customers a chance to get what they want at as near last year's low prices as possible. Most prices will be the same; several new varieties much lower, and a few old standard sorts a little higher. Nearly all of my present stock of plants are growing in new land, and you will find they are very nicely rooted AND ALL GOOD CLEAN HEALTHY STOCK No disease and no insect pest can be found on my farm any-

My 20th Century Resolutions.

Make all the new friends and new customers I can, but hold fast the old ones and see that they first are served.

Wishing all my friends and patrons more happiness and more prosperity in the new century than they have had in the old I remain
Yours faithfully,

W. F. ALLEN.

Some Information.

ORDERS.—Please be sure and write your name and address plainly, giving Postoffice, County and State—and do this every time you write. Be particular to say how the goods are to be sent, whether by mail or express. If ordered shipped before the middle of March most places can be reached safely by freight, but *don't* please *don't* order plants to go by freight late in the season, the risk is too great. Keep a correct copy of your order and check off all the stock when it arrives. People often forget what they order and make unjust complaint.

CLAIMS.—If any, must be made on receipt of goods, when they will be carefully and cheerfully examined, and, if just, all will be made satisfactory. Any claim made after fifteen days from receipt of goods will not be entertained. I send out only good stock, in good condition, carefully packed in all cases but success or failure depends in so large a degree upon the weather and care and management after having been received, that I do not, because I cannot, undertake to guarantee stock to live

PACKING—Is executed with the utmost care. Special pains are taken to pack lightly, thereby reducing the express to a minimum. All goods at prices quoted are packed free. Everything is labeled.

TIME OF SHIPMENT—I commence to ship to my Southern customers during mild weather any time after they receive this catalogue. In most seasons I can fill a limited number of orders in January and February for the South, and as late as the 1st of May for my northern customers; but for all sections it is advisable to order early and *name date for shipment as early as you can possibly use the plants*. This is good advice for several reasons, as plants when shipped early, if to go a long distance, are less liable to damage in the package; they have less foliage and can be packed lighter, thereby lessening express charges; and another good reason is that plants set early almost invariably do well if cared for by an intelligent person, while those set late in the season often do well but frequently fail entirely.

ALWAYS use the order sheet in catalogue in making out your order, and do not mix your order and letter together on same sheet.

PAYMENT—INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE—Goods sent C. O. D. only when one-fourth the amount is sent with the order, when charges for returning money will be added to the bill.

REMIT—By Money Order on Salisbury, Md.; by Registered Letter, by Check, or by Express. Postage stamps taken for fractional part of a dollar. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c stamps preferred. Canadian customers will please remit by Express Money Order or Canadian Bills. Foreign customers will please remit by Money Order on Baltimore, Md.

Cayuga Co., N. Y., May 7th., 1900.
W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., Sir:—Replying to your favor of the second, the strawberry plants came all right and were the finest I ever saw, and am your debtor to the extent that I will do all I can for you in the time to come.
Yours very truly,
Josiah Gailey.

It sometimes happens that I send two catalogues to one address. If you should receive more than one copy, please hand the extra one to some friend who will be interested in it.

Mr. Allen:—The plants ordered from you came last week all right and I must say that in my experience of 20 years handling and growing nursery stock I never saw better. I buy some new strawberry plants every year and will say that in the future I will look no further than Allen's.

Respectfully,

J. S. Harrington.

NO AGENTS.

Last year I determined to dispense with all agents and give the discounts to the consumer. This experiment proved entirely satisfactory and in the future I shall employ no more agents to sell plants as I have always found it more satisfactory to all concerned to deal direct with the consumer. Club with your neighbors, make up a large order and get the full discount. Order the club lot all in one name; it will be an easy matter to divide them as all stock will be plainly labeled and tied in bundles of 50 plants each, except dewberries, which will be in bundles of 25 each.

No Connection with The Strawberry Culturist.

Some of my customers seem to persist in holding me responsible for their grievances with the Strawberry Culturist. The fact is, I am not and have not been in any way connected with the Strawberry Culturist for nearly three years, having sold the paper and all my interest in it in June, 1898, to Messrs. Perry & Hearn, of this city. I sold the paper in order that I might give my entire attention to my plant and fruit business, and have not written a line for the paper since and know no more of its business management than if it were published in Egypt. When I was publishing the paper prior to June, 1898, I never at any time placed a single subscription in the hands of any collection agency, and kind friends please remember that I (W. F. Allen) am in no manner, shape or form connected with the Strawberry Culturist, and you will greatly oblige me by addressing your communications, intended for that paper, either to the Strawberry Culturist or Ernest A. Hearn, its present owner and manager, and not to me.

Yours faithfully,

W. F. ALLEN.

Description of Varieties.

KANSAS.—This popular new variety was originated in the state from which it takes its name, and after seeing it in fruit, I paid \$100 in gold for twelve plants, and later bought the entire stock. The plant is an extremely vigorous grower, and as free from disease or rust of any kind as any ever grown. Its drouth resisting qualities are superb, blossoms pistillate. Its fruit is a brilliant crimson, not only on the surface, but through and through. This feature, together with its very strong strawberry flavor, will make it, when it becomes better known, perhaps the most popular strawberry for canning ever yet produced. Time of ripening, late. It is very productive of fine medium to large berries that make a very handsome showing in the package, and always attract the best buyers. The berry is firm enough to make a good commercial variety, and as soon as it becomes known, and the price within the reach of the average grower, we shall expect to see it rank high among the standard market berries. The originator says: "I found it growing in the yard with some other seedlings, which I planted out as soon as they were large enough to handle. They fruited the next spring when I noticed the one row named Kansas had a larger, stronger blossom than any of the rest. When the fruit ripened it was the finest of the lot, and it was the only one that I propagated. I have now been fruiting Kansas for ten years, and have never missed a single crop ;

"KANSAS"



W. F. Allen Esq., Dear Sir:—The plants (250, I should say 280 Senator Dunlap;) arrived in perfect condition and are set out and enjoying a refreshing rain as I sit writing. I wish to express my hearty appreciation of your courtesies first and last, and of the generous over count you have made. Of the four thousand and over sent the first time, I shall not lose a single plant. All are looking prime, and throwing out little rosettes of green leaves late as the season is. Whenever opportunity offers I shall certainly take pleasure in recommending patrons to you.

Yours truly,
Geo. Edwin Shiras.
Albemarle Co., Va., Dec. 4th, 1900.

although they received no better care than the other varieties I was growing.” Mr. R. M. Kellogg says: “The Kansas was placed in my trial bed with over 250 other sorts. They attracted the attention of visitors the first year by the vigor of the foliage and general appearance, and the next season the fruit and plants showed greater points of excellence than any other berry on my grounds. W. F. Allen of Maryland, purchased the entire stock and named it Kansas. He introduced it at \$5 per dozen, and while the price seems excessive, yet when it becomes known, the plants will be in greater demand than any other variety. I am willing to stake my reputation that it contains more points of excellence.

than any other variety introduced in recent years. I have fruited and watched it for three years."

The drouth resisting qualities of this excellent berry has enabled me in spite of the drought, to produce quite a good stock of plants, which we are now offering much lower than might have been expected, considering the very small amount we had to offer last season, and the price we had to charge in order to have enough. Do not fail to see price list and get some Kansas strawberry plants started as soon as possible.



Jefferson Co., Ky., April 26th., 1900.
Mr. W. F. Allen, Dear Sir:—The plants received in good condition, and are now in the ground. The plants were fine and many thanks for the generous count. Our orders will be small, but if any needed in the future will remember you.
Very Sincerely,
Lon P. Orphanage.

Washington Co., Pa., April 30th., 1900.
Mr. W. F. Allen, Dear Sir:—The plants came to hand in excellent condition. I am more than pleased, both with the quality and quantity. Yours very truly,
John W. Teeters.

NEW YORK.—This grand new variety which I had the honor of introducing to the public in the spring of 1899, has given great satisfaction in all parts of the country where tried. Many of our readers perhaps remember that some years ago I offered \$100 in gold for one dozen plants of any variety that would surpass the Glen Mary. The New York captured the game. It originated in Tompkins county, New York, with Miss Martha G. Yates. This giant of the strawberry family is a cross of the well known Bubach and Jessie. In productiveness it is hard to believe that it has an equal. There are others, to be sure, that produce more berries in number, but in quarts I doubt it. Every one who

sees them is astonished at their size and productiveness. My father the past season, fruited two rows of New York about fifteen rods long, which he marketed in our local market, and which paid him more clear money than his best acre of our old standard varieties. About three weeks ago, while visiting one of my customers, who is, by the way, one of the largest and most successful growers of fancy strawberries for New York City market, growing over 100 acres, he remarked to me that the largest and finest quart of strawberries ever picked on his farm was New York. Mr. M. Crawford, says: "New York is very large in plant and fruit. It was grown for plants here, and it being costly we used plenty of fertilizer, and gave extra culture. Perhaps fifty plants were left to bear, and the crop was large. The plant showed no weakness of any kind. The fruit was very large, regular, firm, conical, of good color and flavor. It has every appearance of being a valuable variety." Mr. Kellogg and many others who have seen the New York, speak in very high terms of it, and we could fill this pamphlet with good words of New York, could we spare the space. The demand is sure to be so great we dare not make the price too low, and those who wish to try the berry would do well to get their order in before late next spring, as it is bound to be very popular, and have a large sale for several years.

MARIE, P.—The plants are good growers, making plenty of runners for a good crop, and show no signs of disease. The blossom is imperfect; season same as Bubach and Haverland, fully as large as Bubach, Glen Mary, or Brandywine, and yielding with any variety in our 40 acre plantation. Besides, it is the most attractive in appearance when picked and ready for market of any in our entire collection. The berries are as round as a ball, dark-crimson in color, flesh dark, and quality first-class, holding up in size to the very last pickings. With it we are holding a fancy trade in the Dayton markets, and always get the highest market price."—ORIGINATOR'S DESCRIPTION.

ROUGH RIDER, S.—Originated in Oswego County N, Y., by Chas. Learned, a leading grower of that famous strawberry locality. A seedling of the Eureka, fertilized by Gandy. Prolific runner, like the Eureka; the individual plant closely resembles the Gandy in leaf and stock. Enormously productive, hardy, and free from disease. Berries very large, roundish, but somewhat flattened and pointed. Color, dark red, like Gandy.

BENNETT—This originated in one of the suburbs of Cincinnati ten years ago, but has never been introduced until last spring. The plant is a joy to see, strong, bright, deep rooting, and free from spots. It is exceedingly productive, ripens its first berries earlier than Warfield, and bears as late as Gandy. Its season has extended over five weeks in Ohio, where it originated. It is a pistillate, and if properly fertilized, every blossom is followed by a berry. It has succeeded best when grown very near a very early and a very late staminate variety. In size it is among the largest. The color is bright scarlet when first ripe, turning to a dark red if left unpicked for a few days. The quality is good, much better than the average.

EMPEROR—With me, this was a strong grower, with large healthy foliage quite productive of large berries and good quality. Mr. Crawford says that the first berries were somewhat irregular in form but all the others were of good shape. At its worst it is only uneven on the surface, and never shapeless. It is so large and bright and bears so well, that it must become a favorite with those who know it.



GLEN MARY—This giant among strawberries was first offered to the public by me in the spring of 1896. I have watched every word that has been written or said concerning this variety. I am now satisfied that, all things considered, it is without an equal. It being large to very large in size, one of the most productive ever grown; of strong, sturdy and healthy growth; highly colored, firm for a large berry, and ranks with the best in flavor.

If I were going to plant 10,000 Strawberry plants, 9,000 of them would be Glen Mary.—*H. W. Col-lingsworth, Ed. Rural New Yorker; personal interview, Nov. 4, '98.*

In the summer of 1899 the Glen Mary became famous, having beaten all previous records for size. Mr. Joseph Haywood one of my customers who lives near Philadelphia sent in to the Farm Journal office a quart box that was filled to the top with (4) berries of the Glen Mary. This beats all previous

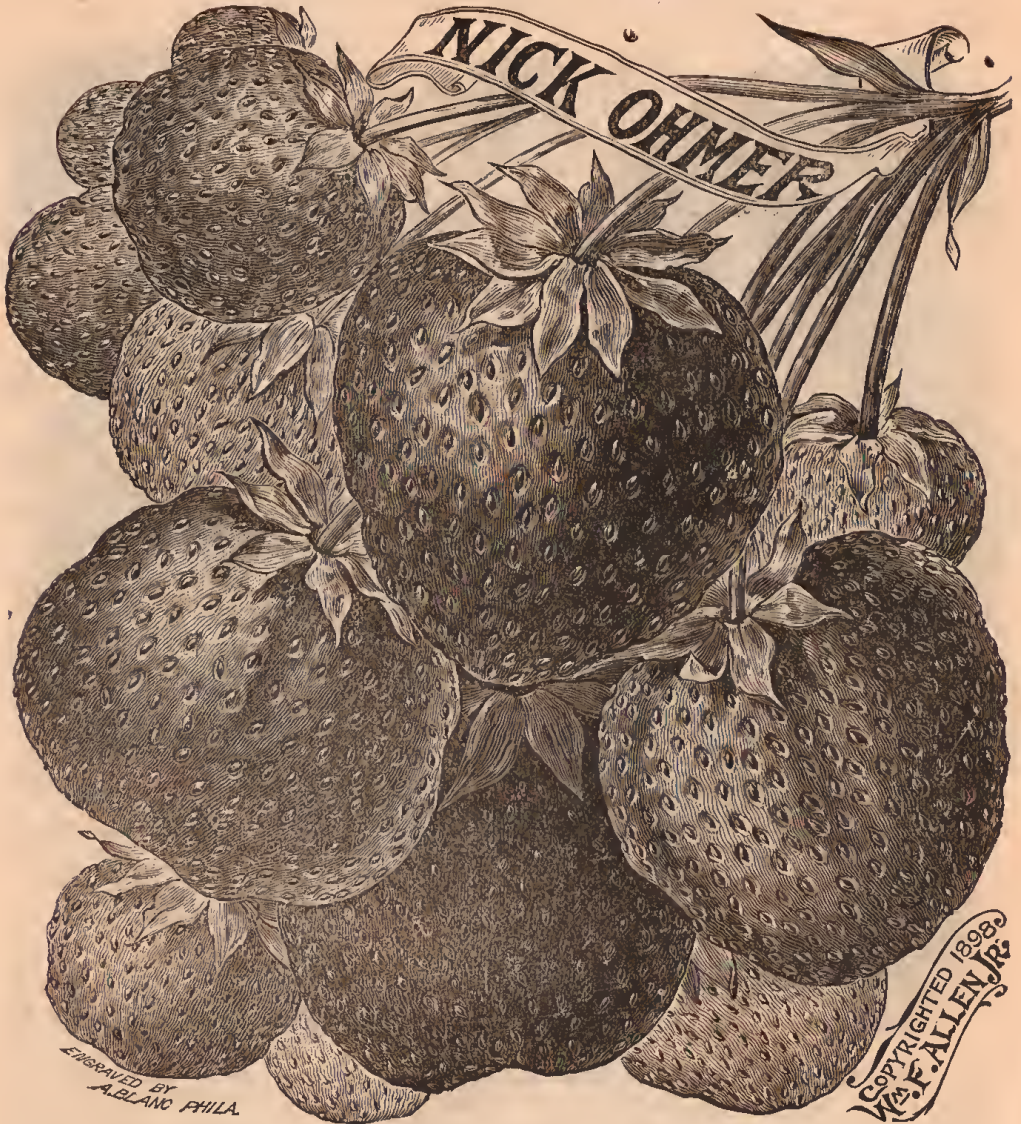
records to date. Mr. Haywood raised one berry that weighed four ounces and a good many that weighed over three ounces. A few who have Glen Mary complain of rust and in fact it rusted badly with me in 1898, but last year it was fine and nine tenths of all the reports we get are very flattering. The demand for Glen Mary plants last year was larger than for any other of our varieties and the indications are that I will not be able to supply the demand this spring although I have a large stock. Those who want Glen Mary best not wait too late to order as I have never had plants enough to fill all orders received.

Mr. W. F. Allen, Dear Sir:—Plants came all right and were in good shape.
Tompkins Co., N. Y., Apr. 24, 1900.
Yours,
A. P. Hopper & Son.



EXCELSIOR—This is without exception the most valuable extra early sort now on the market. A persistent and healthy grower, a cross between Hoffman and Wilson Albany. Twice as vigorous and healthy as either. Will average larger than Hoffman, twice as productive and equal to Hoffman as a shipper, which is saying a great deal, but not too much, and with me this year it was three days earlier than either Hoffman or Michel's Early. The above is my own experience and is strictly true; it is useless to say more. I shall plant it largely for fruit.

DUFFS—This comes from North Carolina, and it was only after agreeing not to sell any plants for a number of years in that state that I was able to procure it. The variety in many respects is similar to Lady Thompson, but is a stronger, healthier grower, hardier plant and more productive. Its drouth resisting qualities and healthfulness of plant are equal to any I have ever seen. In size of fruit, it will compare favorably with Lady Thompson and Hoffman. In color of fruit, it is a bright red through and through, a color that will stand shipping without fading as many do. In firmness it probably has no equal, except Hoffman.



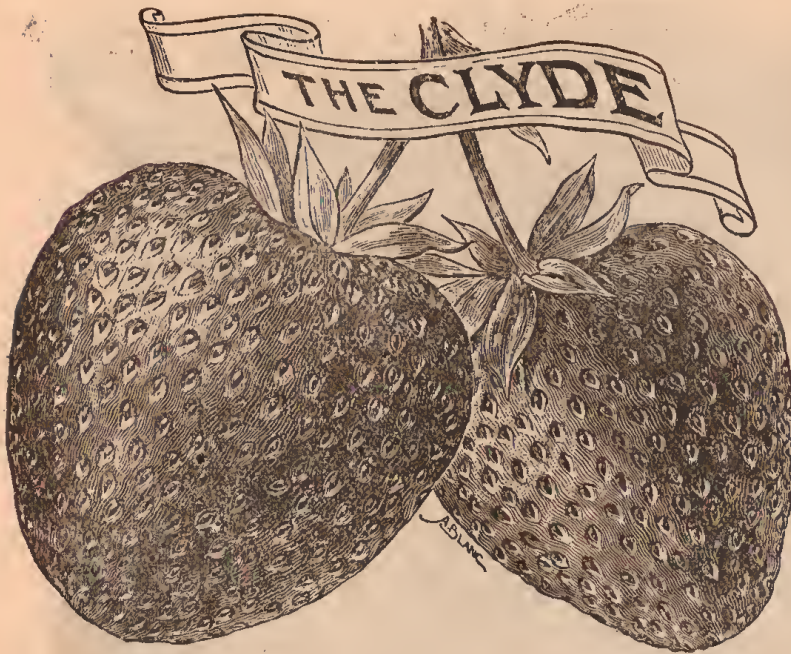
NICK OHMER.—A great surprise is in store for all who fruit this strawberry for the first time: its mammoth size, beautiful color, and great productiveness being really astonishing. The plant is exceedingly vigorous, with clean, healthy foliage without the slightest tendency to rust. The berries are of the largest size—a perfect giant among strawberries—roundish conical in form, uniform and regular; rich, glossy crimson, firm and solid, excellent in quality, and average large to the very last picking. Growers should certainly give this a trial.

GLADSTONE—This is one of the largest plants I have seen. It is a strong, healthy grower, and very productive of large berries. In short, it is about all that has been claimed for it, except in point of earliness. With me it does not ripen very early as was claimed, but about mid season, being four or five days later than Michel. I would specially recommend this variety to the small grower who can give it a very rich, moist soil, as, under these conditions, I believe it would be a great success.



PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.—Plant is a vigorous grower. The bloom is perfect, ripens about one week earlier than the Gandy Prize; it is nearly as large, equally as firm, as good a color and a great deal more productive. Like the Gandy Prize it will carry from Florida to Boston, from Louisiana to Chicago, and arrive firm and fresh and with its brilliant red color not the least bit dimmed. Thrives on any soil, but owing to the immense crop it sets, should to obtain the best results, be well fertilized. The fruit is equal to the Gandy in every respect, is one week earlier and will produce a fine crop of fruit on high land, where Gandy is almost sure to be a failure. I am highly pleased with this berry and will plant at least 25 acres of this variety for fruit. I consider it one of the best.

Siskiyou Co., Cal., July 30, 1900.
 W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir:—
 There arrived here April last, several thousands of strawberry plants, which I had ordered from your house. I am so well pleased with them that I think it but fair to tell you so. They reached here in excellent condition, and almost without exception have lived and flourished. Yours truly,
 James B. Hayden Sr.



Dane Co. Mich., June 20th, 1900.
 W. F. Allen, Dear Sir:—I wish to thank you for the premium money received, but I thank you more yet for the extra fine strawberry plants sent to me, and say too they came in good condition. All grew and now I have a bed of strawberry plants to be proud of. I did not much expect the premium (from my experience with other dealers,) but felt well paid for the money sent you in the fine plants. Others sending with me end you grateful thanks also.
 Very respectfully,
 Mrs. A. J. Sheldon.

THE CLYDE—But few varieties ever introduced have given better satisfaction in all parts of the country. I have fruited it four times and consider it to be the very best second early variety ever offered the American people. With me Clyde is as large as Rubach, nearly or quite a week earlier and very much firmer. It is a strong staminate. I do not hesitate to recommend Clyde to anyone who wants a fine large early berry. I do not think any one will ever regret planting *Clyde* as it is a sure producer of fine large berries and lots of them. I shipped quite a lot of berries of this variety last year to the Boston market, a distance of about 500 miles and some of the highest prices obtained were for this variety which proves its shipping qualities beyond a doubt notwithstanding some statements to the contrary.

PARIS KING.—The plant is very healthy and vigorous and, entirely free from rust. The fruit is large to very large, somewhat irregular in shape, but of good quality. The berry shown in the description is from a photograph and is a true representation of its general appearance except that it is considerably reduced in size. It is a strong staminate and an excellent variety to plant with large pistillate sorts. It seems especially adapted to the south as well as the north. Some very flattering testimonials from Florida. A fine shipping berry. Quite firm.



PARIS KING.

May 2nd, 1900.
 W. F. Allen Esq., Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir:—I received the plants I ordered in good condition, they were fresh and green, and the best packed plants I ever saw.
 Wishing you success I am yours truly,
 W. B. Burns.

GERTRUDE—Is medium early, large size, scarlet color, firm in texture and a good shipper, perfect blossom and a strong, healthy vigorous plant; a reliable and valuable variety.

BRANDYWINE.—This variety has been reported upon by the experiment stations, written up by horticultural papers and talked of by fruit growers everywhere until it has become as well known as any of the older kinds. I believe it will bear out the claims that have been made for it. The fruit and plant very much resemble Gandy but is more productive and a better grower. I marketed quite a good many crates of Brandywine last season and they were very fine. Almost every crate would bear the mark of *fancy* or *extra* and always brought the highest market price.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC — Large, good color, productive, of good shape, free from rust and ranks among the best in the strawberry list. It is a seedling of Sharpless and Crescent, showing the parentage of both. The fruit is large, handsome plant, and as productive as Haverland.

"THE CARMI BEAUTY"—Is the strawberry for the farmer's garden and the home market. We have no hesitation in pronouncing this the largest berry up to date. Its fine size and and beautiful appearance attract the attention of the best buyers.

It is of the highest flavor, satisfying the most fastidious taste.

It is the earliest of the medium early varieties—a few days earlier than the Crescent.

It is a large, deep rooted plant, with an abundant, healthy, dark green foliage, which gives it the capacity to bear large crops of fine-sized berries.

It will stand dry weather longer than any other kind on my place, and for a large berry, will bear more to the hill than any other variety.

It is a bright red color, and has a beautiful shape.

The Carmi Beauty is a Pistillate, and can be Pollenized with any of the early or medium early Staminant varieties."—Originator.

BLONDE—This variety although one of the best late varieties with me seems to have been almost totally ignored by the strawberry public. I have now fruited the Blonde for the third time and consider it one of the very best of late varieties especially for light land. I was so well pleased with it in 1899, that in Spring of 1900 I planted several acres of it for fruit and am very glad that I did for last summer it again gave us a very large crop of handsome large fruit.





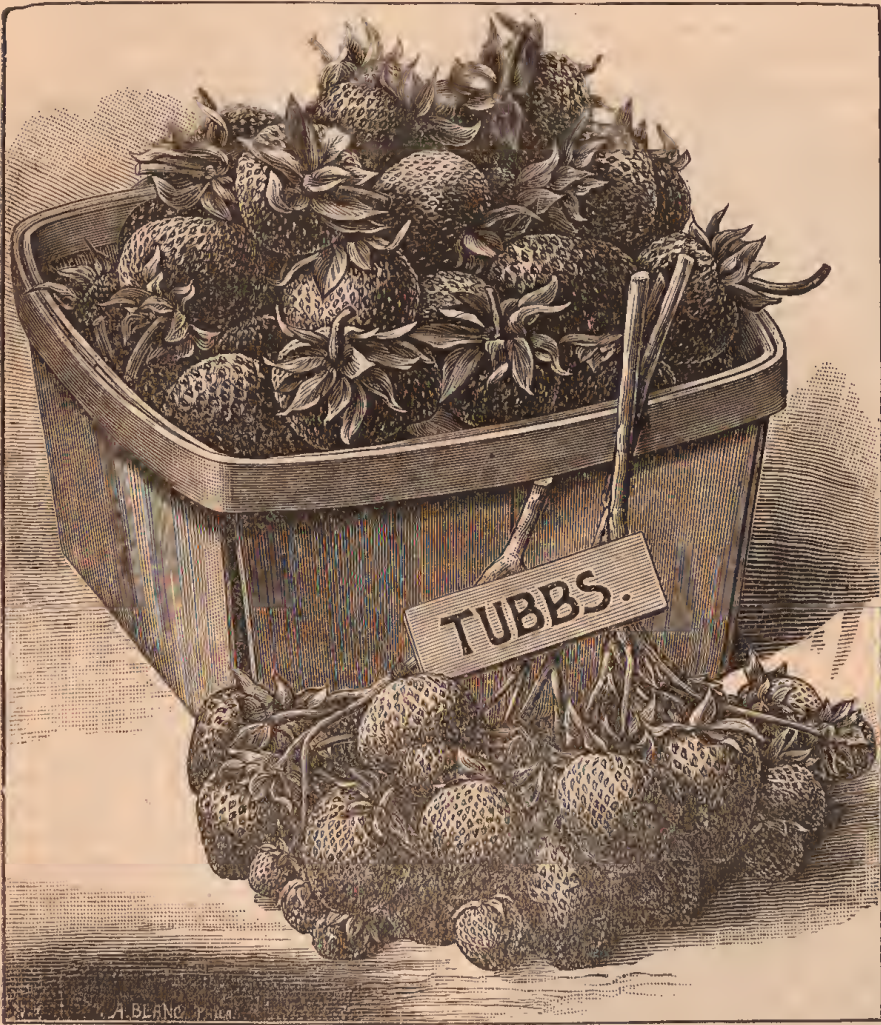
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SAMPLE—The above illustration was drawn direct from a cluster of berries which I picked in June, 1898, in the originator's patch at North Reading, Mass. I traveled over 500 miles that I might see this berry in fruit. It is quite late to ripen, large to very large in size, crimson color, clean through to the core. Very firm for a large berry; strong, vigorous and healthy foliage. I was induced to pay the originator \$200.00 cash for 1000 plants of this variety and after seeing it in fruit I was not the least sorry I had done so.

I have now fruited the Sample here at Salisbury, Md., and find it to be very productive of uniform, large size, regular shaped berries: firm enough to make a valuable market berry.

Columbian, Co., Ohio, April 28th., 1900.

Mr. W. F. Allen:—Your favor returning my order etc. for plants came this afternoon. Sorry you could not fill as first ordered. Have made another list and hope to get them. I enclose money order same as before. I am very glad you returned the order so I could change it, rather than for you to substitute other varieties. "I showed the letter to several of my friends and their every opinion was that you are a "square dealer." Yours truly, Saml I. Ohlholm.



TUBBS—This is a good berry of Crescent type. In size it runs through the season about like the first picking of Crescent, does not run down toward last part of season like the Crescent. Very productive. In Anne Arundel county, where it originated, it is considered the best berry grown. It has a perfect blossom and is a vigorous grower. Those who have never grown it should not fail to give it a trial, I think it will please them. I like it, and grow it largely for fruit, and shall plant more.

PARKER EARLE (Arnot's.)—The plant is a strong robust grower, with a perfect blossom, and an enormous yielder of large slightly flattened, bright crimson berries, with short neck, the calyx turning back from the berry, giving it a fine appearance. The flavor of the best. It ripens evenly and is a good shipper. They are free to make runners the first season which is very essential to berry growers, and have stood a temperature of fourteen degrees below zero without protection, never freezing out. They require rich soil as they set so much fruit. They ripen about with Crescent, are termed midseason, and continue to bear about three weeks.

SENATOR DUNLAP—This is a new berry, sent out last spring for the first time by Mr. Crawford, and was very strongly endorsed by him. In his July, 1900, report on strawberries, Mr. Crawford expresses himself as follows:

"To me the most important result of my observation this season is the conviction that the Senator Dunlap is now the greatest all-round variety ever introduced. What I had seen and heard heretofore led me to this belief, and now it is confirmed. I believe the Senator Dunlap will take its place, not with the Haverland, Bubach, and Clyde, for it is in a class above them, but at the top of class that contains the Wm. Belt, Sample and Nick Ohmer. In size it is not the equal of any of these, but aside from size, it has more to recommend it than any other variety now on the market with which I am acquainted. It is of the Warfield type, has a perfect blossom, is hardy, productive, a splendid keeper, and is able to hold its own under any "rough and tumble" method of culture to which it is likely to be subjected. So far there has been no sign of rust. The plant is wonderfully productive and generally brings every berry to maturity. The berry resembles the Warfield in size and color, ripens at the same time and remains in bearing until late, it is most beautiful in form and color, has a slight neck, is easily picked and hulled."

Personally speaking, I have not fruited Senator Dunlap except on spring set plants, and from what I could see they were very much as Mr. Crawford says. As to growth, I can say it is a very strong grower and a healthy plant.

BISMARCK—Bismark is a self fertilizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those familiar with the Bubach, nothing further need be said since Bubach has been a favorite berry, and more plants have been planted than of any other. Bubach has two defects which

Bismark corrects. Bubach is a pistillate requiring other varieties to be planted near it, while Bismarck is self-fertilizing. Bubach while of good quality, is not of the highest character. Bismarck is of better quality. We have in Bismarck an extraordinarily large berry, glossy, fine color, good shape, and good quality with vigorous plants full of vitality.



Columbia Co., Oregon, June 10th, 1900.
Mr. W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir:—
Yours of May 31st., at hand. Please accept thanks for the remittance. The plants were received in due time, and in first class condition and the parties to whom they were sent desire me to express to you their satisfaction with, and to thank you for the liberal count of the same. I shall take great pleasure in recommending you to any one wishing anything in your line. Respectfully
E. J. Barnes.

UP TO DATE—Is supposed to be a seedling of Haverland fertilized by Jessie, possessing the good qualities of both. Fruit of largest size and very regular in shape, being long, conical and slightly necked; dark red to the centre. Large staminate blossoms containing a very large amount of pollen, commences to bloom early and continues very late, making it one of the best fertilizers for medium early to very late pistillate varieties. The plant is a strong, healthy grower, makes plants freely, but does not mat in the rows like the Crescent or Warfield."—Originator.

SEAFORD (Lloyd)—This is claimed to be surperior to Bubach; it makes a very strong healthy vigorous plant and is equally if not more productive than Bubach, quite as large and somewhat better shipper, a little earlier and comes on faster. The fruit is a dark scarlet in color: blossoms pistillate. This berry was originally called Lloyd and is still known to many by that name but when introduced it was called Seaford.



WOOLVERTON—This is a well known and reliable variety that succeeds on any soil and in any locality as a rule. It was originated by Mr. John Little, of Canada, and is really one of the most valuable ever sent out. The plant is a good grower and a great bearer. It has a perfect blossom, and is one of the best pollenizers we have. It is no uncommon thing to see blossoms and ripe fruit on this variety at the same time. Fruit very large, of regular form, fine looking, of good quality, and produced in great abundance. This and Saunders though not the same are very much alike and were among the best on my place the past season. Side by side with Bubach, Woolverton gave finer fruit and more of it. The above was my description of Woolverton last year, I have fruited more than ever of it the past season and side by side with Bubach it was larger, more productive, firmer and better every way.

JOHNSON'S EARLY—I must give our customers a word of warning concerning this berry, that is, *do not let it get too thick*. If properly grown in thin, matted rows, it is going to give satisfaction, as it is one of the finest of the early berries that I know of, being very showy and attractive in the baskets when picked, a good average medium size, neither very large nor small, it cannot fail to please all who are interested in a good, early berry. If allowed to make all the plants it will, the ground will become packed so full that it would be impossible for it to mature a satisfactory crop, and persons who disregard this advice should not complain if it does not meet their expectation, for, if grown as above directed, I still recommend it, and believe it will be a very valuable acquisition. In fact, it is decidedly the best berry of its season, which is three or four days later than Excelsior, and the same as Michel and Hoffman.

SAUNDERS—I wish all my customers would test this berry, as it is among the most desirable. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom, and is very productive. The fruit is large, conical, slightly flattened and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is a deep red and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color and has a sprightly agreeable flavor. This is also a very fine variety to plant with pistillate sorts, and a good berry for most any purpose. It is one of the best we grow and I am planting it largely for fruit and shall plant more of it than ever the following spring. It is one of the good things that has made its way without booming.

Mr. W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir:—The plants received from you were very satisfactory and I shall probably make you another order in Feb. next. Yours truly, T. S. Earle.

Lee Co., Ala., October 16, 1900.

Shelby Co., Ky., May 9, 1902.

Price List.

	12, mail post pd.	100, mail post pd.	100, Ex. not pd.	1000, Ex. not pd.
Blonde.....	\$0 20	\$0 65	\$0 40	\$2 50
Bismarck	20	65	40	2 50
Brandywine.....	20	65	40	2 50
Bennett's Seedling..	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Bedar Wood.....	20	75	50	
Brunette.....	20	75	50	
Bubach (P).....	20	75	50	3 00
Barton's Eclipse (P)..	20	65	40	2 00
Cyclone.....	20	65	40	2 00
Clyde.....	20	75	50	3 00
Carmi Beauty (P)....	20	75	50	3 00
Crescent (P).....	20	65	40	2 00
Darling.....	20	65	40	2 00
Duffs.....	20	75	50	3 00
Enormous (P).....	20	75	50	3 00
Eleanor.....	20	65	40	2 50
Excelsior.....	20	65	40	2 50
Emperor	30	1 25	1 00	8 00
Enhance.....	20	65	40	2 50
Gibson.....	20	75	50	3 00
Gandy.....	20	75	50	
Glen Mary.....	20	75	50	3 50
Gladstone	25	85	60	4 00
Gertrude.....	20	65	40	2 50
Gandy Belle.....	20	65	40	2 50
Haverland (P).....	20	65	40	2 50
Hoffman.....	20	65	40	2 50
Johnson's Early.....	20	65	40	1 75
Jessie	20	75	50	
Kansas (P).....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Lovett.....	20	75	50	
McKinley.....	25	85	60	4 00
Marie (P)	75	3 25	3 00	
Mitchel's Early.....	20	75	50	2 50
Marshall.....	20	75	50	3 00
Michigan.....	20	65	40	2 50
Nick Ohmer.....	20	75	50	3 00
New York.....	50	2 25	2 00	15 00
Paris King.....	20	65	40	2 50
Parker Earle.....	20	75	50	3 00
Pride of Cumberland	20	65	40	2 50
Rio.....	20	65	40	2 50
Rough Rider.....	75	3 25	3 00	
Seaford (P).....	20	65	40	2 50
Sample (P).....	20	65	40	2 50
Sharpless.....	20	65	40	2 50
Saunders.....	20	65	40	2 50
Splendid	20	65	40	2 50
Senator Dunlap.....	20	75	50	3 00
Sheppard.....	20	75	50	3 00
Tubbs.....	20	65	40	2 00
Tennessee Prolific...	20	65	40	2 50
Up to-Date	20	75	50	3 00
Wm. Belt.....	20	65	40	2 50
Woolverton.....	20	65	40	2 50
Warfield (P).....	20	65	40	2 00

Read this Before Ordering

Canadian customers must add 5c per dozen and 20c per 100 to the price quoted by mail, as we have to pay double postage to that country. Unless this extra postage is added I shall ship by express, charges collect.

No order accepted for less than one half dozen plants of a kind. We will supply 50 of a kind at 100 rate. We will supply 500 of a kind at the 1000 rate, or 250 of a kind at the 1000 rate provided the total order does not amount to less than 1000 plants.

In ordering dozen lots to go by express, you may deduct 5c from the price of each dozen ordered.

Those varieties marked (P) have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossoms to fruit them.

My descriptions of the different varieties are as I have found them and are true to the best of my knowledge.

It should be remembered that some varieties that do well here may fail entirely at some other place, and some that fail here may do well elsewhere, but it is not my desire or intention to describe any variety in a way to mislead or disappoint anyone. It is a good plan for all growers to plant a few of several varieties every year and in this way keep posted as to what will do best on their soil. When ordering from me you may rest assured of getting the variety you order true to name.

Please do not order Varieties not herein listed as I have not them.

Clubbing Rates.

Get your neighbors to join you and send me a club order. For a club order amounting to 3,000 plants or over, I will allow you 5 per cent.

5,000	"	"	"	"	"	10	"
10,000	"	"	"	"	"	15	"
20,000	"	"	"	"	"	20	"

20 per cent. is the largest commission I can allow under any circumstances, and the commissions cannot be allowed unless the order amounts to at least the number of plants above named.

Certificate of Nursery Inspection No. 164.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 2d day of Aug., 1900, we examined the nursery stock of W. F. Allen, growing in his nurseries at Salisbury, County of Wicomico, State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight, and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases. This certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1901, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this state, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

College Park, Md., Aug. 2, 1900.

WILLIS G. JOHNSON, State Entomologist.
CHAS. O. TOWNSEND, State Pathologist.

Dewberries.

I have now been growing dewberries for a number of years, and must candidly confess that I have found it year in and year out one of the most profitable crops that I have ever grown. It has never failed to give me a profitable crop of fruit. This is more than I can say of any other crop that I grow; coming in as they do immediately after strawberries, and before blackberries of such varieties as Early Harvest and Wilson, being very sweet and large, they will always command a ready market at paying prices. I now have in over 60 acres to fruit next year, which, with a fair crop, will make a carload a day throughout the season, with something over during the big pickings. I grow these for fruit, and not for plants, but incidentally, in growing so many for fruit it is an easy matter to supply quite a great many very fine plants, and we can do this cheaper than the growers who grow them for plants only at \$6.00 or \$8.00 per M. Our stock of plants this spring will consist of three or four hundred thousand, and will be extra fine, as our growth is unusually strong and healthy, notwithstanding our dry summer; and right here is one of its great advantages; the drought affects it less than any other small fruit we grow. I would advise my patrons everywhere to plant a liberal supply of dewberries, as there is not one market in fifty that is well supplied with this delicious fruit. It comes into bearing as quickly as strawberries, producing a full crop the first year, and with only a reasonable amount of care, will stand for five, ten, fifteen or even twenty years. It can be planted any time during the winter when the ground is not frozen, and, if planting is delayed until spring they should be planted just as early as the ground can be worked owing to the fact that they start to grow very early and if planting is delayed until late in the spring the young shoots get broken off which makes them backward in getting started again. Dewberry plants can be shipped safely by freight anywhere in the United States if ordered early.

For prices and varieties see last cover page.



Two Hills of Dewberries Tied to a Stake.

LUCRETIA DEWBERRY—The best of the blackberry family and decidedly the most productive. The berries are far larger, and incomparably better than any blackberry, and of unequalled excellence, sweet and luscious throughout; of brightest, glossy black color. The Lucretia Dewberry has received the endorsement and highest praise from the best horticulturist in the country. Its eminent success in all soils from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Florida, is something phenomenal in small fruit culture. Its trailing habit renders it less liable to winter kill.

AUSTIN'S DEWBERRY—This makes a stronger growth than Lucretia and its canes are nearly twice as large but has the same trailing habit as the Lucretia. The fruit is about same size as Lucretia but of different shape, being shorter and thicker. Both Lucretia and Austin Dewberries are as large as the Wilson blackberry. The Lucretia is three or four days earlier than Early Harvest blackberry, and are two-thirds gone when Wilson commences to ripen, and Austin's is nearly or quite a week ahead of Lucretia, but not as good a shipper, being softer, but for a near market where earliness counts for more than firmness, Austin's will fill the bill. An average yield of either variety is one quart per hill, but under favorable conditions this may be exceeded 100 per cent, or even more. Price of plants, either variety, 50 cents per dozen by mail postpaid. \$1.00 per 100; \$5.00 per 1000, \$22.50 per 5000, or \$40.00 per 10000, by express or freight, receiver to pay charges.

W. F. ALLEN, Salisbury, Md.